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EXCLUSIVE

BY NICK AMES

THE ancient home of the family of the late maverick MP Alan Clark is in danger of falling down.

English Heritage has placed Saltwood Castle, near Hythe, on its 'at risk' list which warns of historic monuments that are in danger.

The condition of the building is officially classified as "poor". An English Heritage official said: "We issue the list to warn about parts of this country's heritage and history that are in danger."

"In common with many part-occupied or ruined castles, English Heritage believes Saltwood Castle has repair needs that could be addressed. This is not a criticism of lack of care by an owner, merely a fact of life."

"We are reviewing the condition of individual scheduled monuments across Kent as part of our Heritage at Risk project and in this we would include Saltwood Castle."

"We are likely to discuss with its owner of what assistance we might be in helping them care for such a significant place."

Mr Clark's widow, Jane, has lived at Saltwood Castle for more than 30 years.

She said: "The last time anyone from English Heritage came here was 15 or 20 years ago and they have not been in touch about this latest list."

"I would very much like to hear from them, in fact. I do not know in what particular way they consider the castle 'at risk'. Maybe there is too

NOT CONVINCED:

Castle's Jane Clark



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NUDIST NUMBERS COME UP

A naturist couple from Romney Marsh have won more than £240,000 on the National Lottery.

Brian Tucker, 59, and Margaret Dallard, 53, met while working at Dungeness power station.

Brian first realised they might be on to a big win when he checked the numbers on teletext. He said: "I realised straight away that I had won a prize as the numbers all looked so familiar, but I did not know how much."

"Maggie was in another room, so I shouted out that we had a win on the Lottery and she rushed in. When I checked again I could see we'd matched five numbers and the bonus ball. We just started hugging each other and jumping round the room."

The ticket was bought from the village store in Dymchurch.

Brian met Margaret, who has been a naturist for many years, at the Invicta Sun Club, Dover.

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Plant could be a part of new nuclear dawn

■ BY NICK AMES

DUNGENESS may be one of eight new sites developed for the Government's planned new generation of nuclear power stations.

They will be situated where possible alongside existing facilities, and the Romney Marsh plant was this week identified by industry watchdogs as an expected development zone.

Grid connections from Dungeness to power lines serving the UK are already in place, but ministers are waiting for applications to operate the power stations before making their locations official.

However, experts believe the Kent site to be one of the front-runners as it fits all available criteria for development including access to National Grid, communications, location and water supplies.

At present, Dungeness B is set to operate until 2018, with the A station decommissioned two years ago.

A spokesman for British Energy said: "The Government is committed to nuclear power as part of its strategy for energy, but as yet no sites have been formally identified."

"However, connections to the National Grid are in place at Dungeness and this would speed up any development should the site be chosen."

New planning laws will be used to fast-track approval for the plants

and Shepway council confirmed it has no jurisdiction over any development proposals for the station.

"There are some things which are just outside our remit and this is one," said a spokeswoman.

However, the Government has said it will consult with local bodies before any decision is reached. It also pledged private finance would be used to build and operate the plants, although subsidies will be made available.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown – a supporter of the nuclear option – said earlier this year: "When North Sea oil runs down, people will want to know whether we've got the balance right between external dependence on energy and our ability to generate our own energy within our country."

Last week, oil prices hit a high of more than \$147 a barrel, or £71. The instability of the Middle East region looks set to increase this figure according to analysts.

But opponents to the proposals say nuclear power is not the best option.

Steve Dawe, of the Kent Green Party, said: "Nuclear power is not the way forward. The power stations will take 10 years to build and we could have efficient renewable energy sources up and running before they generate any power at all."

"There is also a problem with the supply of uranium – already one of the world's rarest substances, it will hit a peak in demand in 15 years."

Greenpeace also hit out at suggestions that the nuclear sites had already been identified.

Fresh appeal in search for teen

POLICE are appealing for information about a teenage girl who has gone missing from her home.

Sapphire Cole, 14, from St Mary's Bay, was last seen in Folkestone on Wednesday, July 2, in the Tonbridge Street area of the town.

She is white, 5ft 5in, has long dark brown hair, blue eyes and freckles and was last seen wearing dark blue jeans, a large black and grey hooded top and black suede-eeffeet boots.



Sapphire has a stud in the left side of her nose, two silver hoop earring rings and two silver studs in each ear and was wearing two gold rings on one hand, one gold ring on the other and a square watch with a pink strap.

Strike won't hit council services

SHEPWAY council staff will not be taking part in a series of strikes planned by many local authorities in the UK later this month.

Workers union Unison is planning the walk-outs in a protest over pay.

But the local authority is not part of the National Joint Council pay scheme, which is the subject under dispute, and has already negotiated a settlement privately.

A council spokesman said: "District services will not be disrupted."

Town needs rock around the clock

FOLKESTONE is looking for a rock star with a difference.

The Creative Foundation is looking to re-establish the traditional art of stick-of-rock-making, once as much a part of the traditional British seaside holiday as deckchairs, donkey rides and ice-creams.

Sticks of rock are now mainly mass-produced.

But one exception until recently was in Folkestone's Old High Street, where customers could witness the rare art of making seaside rock by hand.

However, the last local rock-making operation closed its doors last year following the death of its owner

– and, hand-made candy has disappeared from The Old High Street.

The Creative Foundation – which is behind the current Triennial arts festival – wants a tenant for one of its shops to entertain visitors by making lettered rock in the traditional fashion.

Chief executive Nick Ewbank said: "There is a great opportunity to develop a link here between past, present and future."

"Many visitors to the Folkestone Triennial love the souvenir sticks of rock they have taken away as a memento of their visit, but they have been disappointed that they could no longer see it being made here."



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From Big Macs to bright lights of fashion world

Young beauty runner-up in TV model hunt

■ BY NICK AMES

GLAMOUR girl Catherine Thomas has finished an impressive second in the TV reality show Britain's Next Top Model.

The teenager from Cheriton was one of 14 girls who were picked to appear on the Living TV show which ended last week.

Catherine, 18, was the youngest competitor in the programme which gives the winner a break in the tough world of high fashion.

Feisty

More than 5,000 young women applied to take part in the show, which was won by Alex Evans, also aged 18.

Each week during show the feisty femmes fatales endeavoured to avoid elimination.

Catherine, a former pupil of Pent

BRITAIN'S NEXT
topmodel

Valley School, was one of the hopefuls whittled to a fabulously-attired four as the action then shifted to South Africa for a spectacular and suspense-filled finale last week which saw Alex, a student from Guildford, emerge triumphant.

Catherine, a former McDonald's worker, is now looking for an agent to pursue her modelling dream.

She said: "I had an amazing time and now I want to be a model as a career."

"I really feel I can make it and in these shows sometimes the runner-up has done better than the winner."

"Yes, I know it sounds cheesy, but the show was like a dream come true, but it's over now and I have to take on challenges myself."

"Now I'm waiting for my portfolio to come back and then I'm going to get an agent."

"I know it's tough – there were 14 girls on the show, but there are thousands out there doing the same sort of thing."

Catherine also had to conquer one of her great fears to avoid elimination.

"I don't like snakes, yet I had a three-metre python draped around me," she said.

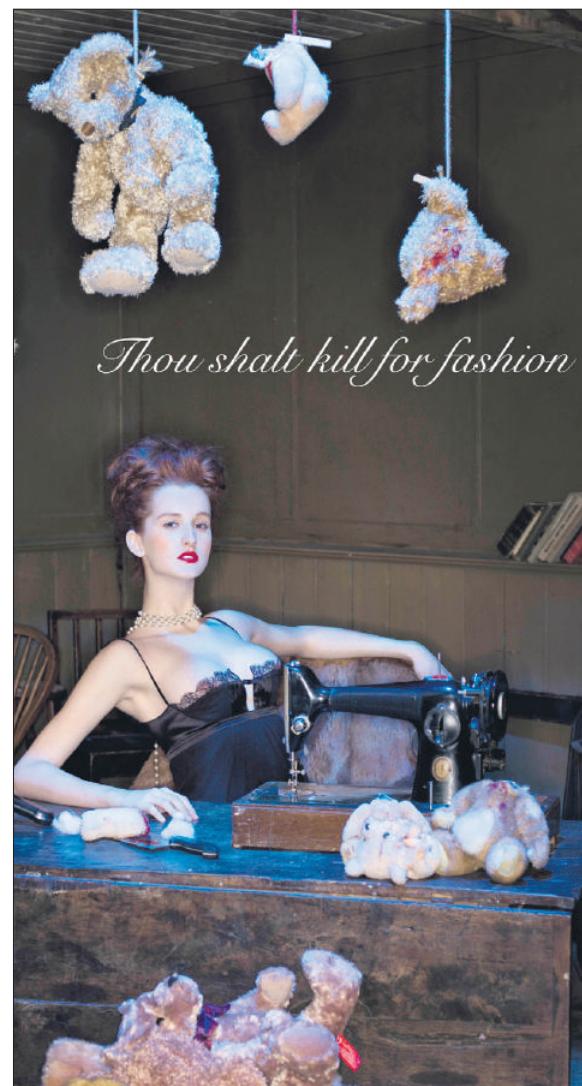
"It was on a beach in South Africa and it started to squeeze me. I was, like, 'Should it be doing that?'."

"But I was assured it was OK and I concentrated on overcoming my fear as I knew I'd be chucked out if I didn't."

"That session was one of the reasons I love modelling. You never know what situation you're going to find yourself in and the character you have to assume."

"I suppose it's because I like acting that I like modelling – becoming the character or person that is required for any particular shoot."

"Personally I love the edgy look and I was told I had a unique look. So that's what I am going to portray."



STRIKE A POSE: Catherine Thomas is hoping TV exposure will lead to a full-time modelling career

Funds to help boost museum extension

THE campaign to build an extension to the museum at Stelling Minnis windmill on the North Downs has received a boost following a donation by the Roger De Haan Charitable Trust.

The £7,000 donation means work on the proposed extension can begin as soon as money raised at a fete on Saturday is added up.

The museum contains exhibits that illustrate a traditional village way of life.

The extension will provide a larger display area and improved storage.

The Stelling Minnis windmill fete will be held from midday to 5pm on Saturday.

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Hundreds of children took part in the second music safari at Port Lympne

Police after thuggish minority who spoilt festival-goers' fun

POLICE have issued two appeals for information following incidents at the ZOO8 festival which took place at Port Lympne earlier this month.

In the first a 14-year-old boy was searching for a number on his mobile phone when he was hit in the face and had the phone stolen. It happened near the main stage at 10pm on Friday, according to officers.

A police spokesman said: "The phone was a black Nokia 6500s. The offender is black, aged 25 to 28, 6ft 3in and of slim build. He wore a red Echo tracksuit with the logo Echo on the back in black and white."

Then between 2am and 3am on the Saturday morning a couple were disturbed by two men who had broken into their tent.

The police spokesman said: "Two Nokia mobile phones and cash were stolen. Both offenders were black. One was of stocky build and had short hair, and the other was slimmer and of smaller build."

The festival was plagued with difficulties, including the non-appearance of top acts Athlete

and Dizzee Rascal, who were in dispute over pay.

Websites have sprung up across the internet, with some angry concert-goers calling for their money back.

Most complaints centred on how long it took to get into the event and the lack of effective on-site security.

Mary Fox, who arrived at the site on Friday said: "We were left out in the heat, caged in behind wire fences and no one knew what was happening."

"It was tight squeeze and some people started throwing water bottles around to people who were suffering, and that was great."

"But then someone threw one really hard and it hit a girl in the face. Some guys chased the guy who threw it and it got scary."

Other fights were reported in the Tap'n'Tin tent when security broke up a brawl involving rival groups of youths.

The tent was later closed after hardcore band The Gallows encouraged fans to climb up the structure, causing damage to its beams.

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Governors in favour of college merger

PLANS to merge South Kent College with another establishment have moved a step closer to fruition.

Governors have voted in favour of plans to talk with two other academies.

The college, which has campuses in Folkestone, Dover and Ashford, will be talking to West Kent College, in Tonbridge, and Sussex Downs College, in Lewes.

A merger was recommended after a report from management consultants KPMG on behalf of the Learning and Skills Council, which funds the institution.

The report said the way the college operated was "unworkable" and it was failing to provide adequate education for its 10,000 full- and part-time students.

Both possible partners were identified by KPMG and if talks are successful a merger could be in place before the start of the next academic year in the autumn.

Airport expansion talk

A TALK on the proposed expansion of Lydd airport is due to take place next month aimed at local businesses.

The airport has submitted two planning applications to Shepway council.

They are for a runway extension of 444 metres and a larger terminal capable of dealing with 500,000 passengers a year. Companies will be able to access a database about the plans which is being set up alongside the meeting.

Fran Warrington, head of tourism at Kent County Council, will be speaking at the event, which is at the airport on Thursday, August 7.

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Council motion backs fair deal for heroic Gurkhas

■ BY NICK AMES

A VOTE in support of a fair deal for Gurkha soldiers was passed unanimously at a meeting of Shepway council, with speeches of support from Conservative, Liberal Democrat and People First members.

The motion called for equality for the Nepalese British Army volunteers in pay and pension rights, and the right to live in the UK with their families.

The motion, moved by Cllr Peter Carroll and seconded by Cllr Lynne Beaumont, said: "This council recognises the extensive contribution to the defence of this country by the members of the Brigade of Gurkhas, both serving and retired, and believes the heroism displayed by these brave soldiers should be properly recognised by the country they fought so hard to protect.

"The council calls on the chief executive to

- A Gurkha soldier has been awarded damages of £121,750 after an accidental shooting in which he was hit in the leg by a high-velocity bullet.

Padam Sundar Limbu, 39, enlisted in May 1989 and served for 13 years before the accident, which took place during training in Canada.

His service would normally have lasted until at least 2004, with a possible extension to 2008, said Deputy Judge Philip Mott QC during the High Court hearing in London.

He added: "Given the current obligations of the British Army, such extensions were very likely."

Mr Limbu, from Folkestone, was hit in the right calf in September 2002 and left disabled. He said he had difficulty in standing, tackling stairs and running.

The Ministry of Defence had earlier admitted liability but disputed damages in relation to loss of earnings.

Mr Limbu, who was not in court, will also receive interest on top of the damages award.

DREAMS ARE PUT TO THE SOORD



An exhibition exploring the nature of dreams is being held at a new gallery in Folkestone run by Neville Pundole.

He has moved from the Old High Street to Tontine Street and the first major show features the work of artists Clive Soord and Lindsay West. Demons and Dreams explores the subconscious world and runs until July 26.

Clive (left) said: "Some dream of hope, some hope to have a dream, some are overtaken by demons. In this work we have explored the nature and variety of the dreams and demons we all possess."

Lindsay said: "As a child I dreamed of being an artist without really knowing what that meant. I played with horses I made out of mud and gazed at the stars."

"Later I took a degree in sculpture and learnt how to make things that didn't turn back to dust."

"I have been an artist ever since, making two-dimensional and three-dimensional works which include ceramics, bronzes, photographic imagery and mixed media pieces."

The Few will never be the forgotten



PROUD DUTY: Lady Joan Foxley-Norris at the wall bearing the names of airmen who died during the Battle of Britain in 1940. The impressive memorial wall at Capel-le-Ferne was paid for by Lady Foxley-Norris's family.

FORMER comrades-in-arms attended a memorial service at Capelle-Ferne in honour of those who fell during the Battle of Britain.

Guests included 16 ex-RAF personnel who played a part during the air battle in the summer and autumn of 1940, as well as serving military top brass.

Tributes were paid to all 544 airmen who lost their lives in the pivotal Second World War conflict which saw the defeat of the Luftwaffe by Winston Churchill's legendary Few.

The Battle effectively ended any possibility of a Nazi invasion of Britain.

The service took place on Sunday last week at the Battle of Britain memorial on the cliffs outside Folkestone, but a planned flypast by a Hurricane and a Spitfire was cancelled due to high winds.

The ceremony also celebrated the 90th anniversary of the RAF's founding, when the Army and Navy air services were amalgamated at the end of the First World War.

■ BY NICK AMES

Folkestone and Hythe MP Michael Howard attended, along with TV presenters Nicholas Owen and Jan Leeming.

Special guest was actor Sir Donald Sinden, who starred in the classic wartime drama The Cruel Sea. Capel-le-Ferne is home to the national memorial to the battle, which features a sculpture of a pilot looking out to sea, carved squadron badges and a replica Hurricane and Spitfire.

Spokesman Geoff Simpson said: "We had a really good day with almost 500 people in attendance, which was a record for us. I don't think we have ever seen as many guests."

"It was shame the flypast was cancelled, but we had plenty of notice that the aircraft wouldn't be able to make it and the weather really wasn't good at all."

"It was particularly gratifying to have 16 veterans of the Battle itself and they were all in good form. We are already looking forward to next year's event."

yourshepway NEWS IN BRIEF

Police need your help to track down bike thieves

THREE children's bikes were stolen during a fund-raising benefit at a school.

The bicycles were taken from the Churchill School, Hawkinge, on Saturday, July 5, during the Churchill Challenge, which raises cash for pupils.

All three machines were parked in a cycle rack. The first was taken at 12.45pm and the final one – which belonged to a four-year-old – was stolen 20 minutes later.

The culprits are believed to be a group of youths aged about 14 or 15 who are thought to have entered the school grounds by the gate near the Lidl store.

They were then seen loitering near the basketball nets.

They were later noticed in nearby Waddington Drive and Haven Drive, heading in the direction of Hawkinge village green. CCTV images are being examined by police.

A police spokesman said: "We would like to hear from anyone who saw anything suspicious."

Dumped military ammo 'putting public at risk'

SOLDIERS are putting lives at risk by illegally dumping munitions in skips used for household waste, according to a national newspaper.

The report in the Independent on Sunday claims that nationwide there have been at least 20 incidents where live ammunition, grenades or other explosives have been placed in waste bins in the past three years.

It names Lydd as one of six military training areas which will be getting special disposal systems. According to the paper, an MoD paper warns that "the dangerous and highly unprofessional habit of 'binning' unwanted ammo or salvage continues to happen".

Elderly woman abused and kicked by youths

A GANG of youths attacked a 70-year-old woman while she was walking her dog and followed their assault by shouting abuse.

Five yobs were involved in the incident in which the woman was kicked and an attempt was made to kick her dog. The attack happened in Dover Road, Folkestone.

The gang are believed to be in their late teens. Two were white, two were black and one was of mixed race.

Police are keen to hear from anyone with information about the attack.

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Wartime airfield's battle for recognition

As the Battle of Britain Memorial at Capel-le-Ferne looks set to benefit from a star-studded fund-raising charity concert, residents of Hawkinge – a forward fighter base during the struggle against the Luftwaffe – tell Nick Ames why they feel their village's contribution to the conflict is in danger of being forgotten. They recognise the importance of the memorial but would also like to tell how their village and its fighter station contributed to the war effort.



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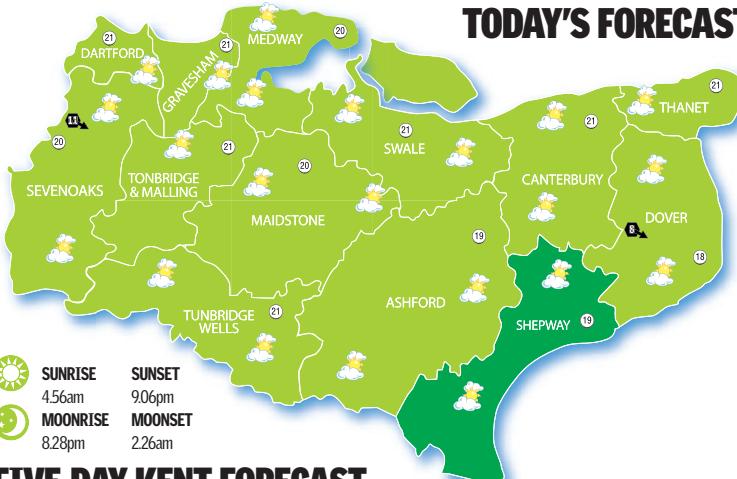
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	Sunday	12:11pm	6.2m
Dungeness	Saturday	11:27am	6.8m
	Sunday	12:06pm	7.0m
Ramsgate	Saturday	12:06pm	4.6m
	Sunday	12:41pm	4.7m
Sheerness	Saturday	1:03pm	5.3m
	Sunday	1:41pm	5.4m
Whitstable	Saturday	1:04pm	5.0m
	Sunday	1:41pm	5.1m

FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

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Ashford	23°C	20°C	18°C	19°C	19°C
Canterbury	23°C	20°C	18°C	19°C	19°C
Chatham	23°C	20°C	18°C	18°C	19°C
Dartford	24°C	21°C	19°C	20°C	20°C
Dover	19°C	18°C	16°C	17°C	17°C
Faversham	23°C	20°C	18°C	18°C	19°C
Folkestone	19°C	18°C	16°C	17°C	17°C
Gillingham	23°C	20°C	18°C	18°C	19°C

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Beijing	26°C	Rome	26°C
Bombay	30°C	Sydney	18°C
Cape Town	18°C	Tenerife	25°C
Cardiff	18°C	Tokyo	32°C
Gibraltar	25°C	Vancouver	21°C
Hong Kong	31°C	Warsaw	16°C
Las Palmas	25°C	Wellington	13°C

Clark's widow disputes castle's 'at risk' status

FROM FRONT PAGE

much greenery around here for their liking. I think possibly they like to have a few rolling concerns as this is not the first time such a notice has appeared about my home.

"It's possible they think if they say things like this people will spend a few thousand on the upkeep of old buildings."

Several years ago, Mrs Clark was forced to sell off her late husband's impressive wine collection to pay for the castle's upkeep. But she says she has no immediate plans for similar action in the wake of the latest statement from the conservation group.

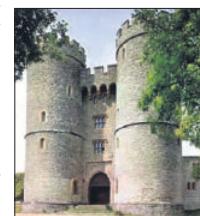
The first castle at Saltwood was built in 488 by Aesc, son of Saxon warrior Hengist, king of Kent.

In 1026, King Canute signed it over in part to the church by means of a deed now in the possession of the British Museum.

During the Middle Ages it was the main garrison point for the county inland to Canterbury, while Dover dominated the area to the east.

The knights who killed Archbishop of Canterbury Thomas Becket stayed at Saltwood before his murder.

In times of threat from French invaders, locals would gather inside the castle walls for protection.



HERITAGE: But Saltwood Castle is on the 'at risk' list

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MORE than 100,000 people flocked to the Kent Show last weekend – leaving the organisers struggling to cope.

Thousands of motorists were left fuming as they sat in queues of traffic for up to two hours to get into the County Showground in Detling Hill on Sunday.

The show's general manager, David Goff, admitted they had been a victim of their own success – and had underestimated the number of families attending the last day of the three-day event.

He put the congestion down to a system of temporary traffic lights and road works implemented to block off U-turn junctions.

Mr Goff said: "When you have a system, you have to run with it. We had a lot of people here over the weekend and a lot more on Sunday than we thought."

But the show itself, now in its 79th year, was a huge success – with the Dancing Diggers, show-jumping and a giant walking robot among the highlights.

There were more than 900 stalls across the 250-acre site and a selection of sheep, cows, goats and horses battling to win prizes.

**WORDS BY LAUREN MUMFORD
AND JAMES ALEXANDRE
PICTURES BY IGOR KUPCO**

The only concern was when a member of an army parachute display team had to be taken to hospital with back injuries after being blown off course in gusting winds on Friday.

The parachutist was part of The Princess of Wales Royal Regiment's The Tigers, who are renowned for their acrobatic displays at events nationwide – he has been recovering at Maidstone hospital.

Fund-raisers from Demelza House Children's Hospice in Bobbing had thousands of visitors flock to their stall, which offered children face-painting and a life-size Tardis and Dalek from TV show Doctor Who to be photographed next to.

Youngsters could also enter a prize draw for a BMX bike in celebration of the 10th birthday of the hospice for terminally ill children.

Demelza area fund-raising manager Donna Wells said: "This event is really important for us because it attracts so many people county-wide who may not know about Demelza



POPULAR: There were so many entertainments on offer at the show that organisers were overwhelmed by visitor numbers

House and the families that it serves in Kent."

Leigh Holmes, of the Hawking Centre at Leeds Castle, put on a display of birds of prey at the show.

He said: "It's just really nice to get out and show to loads of different people. I like the countryside area of the ground – you've got reindeer and gundogs, as well as falconry."

"It's quintessentially English, which I like."

Kent Scouts were also out in force, with about 50 volunteers promoting the work of the organisation across the county.

Jane Town, adult development officer, said: "We're here to promote Scouting and make

sure people know what it's all about, which is a whole variety of things."

The Kent Youth Trials Club had riders demonstrating their skills on a dedicated dirt track, complete with obstacles at the entrance to the heritage area.

One of its star protégés is seven-year-old Ieuan Jones from Ashford, who has only been riding for ten months.

Dad Tony said: "He loves it – every weekend he's out on the bike, he absolutely adores it and spends a couple of days of just solid riding. He's in his element."

One of the main attractions was the dancing diggers display. Comprising five JCB 3CX diggers and one Bobcat mini-loader, the stunt team from Diggerland in Strood wowed the crowds with versatile formations such as leaning on their sides at 90 degrees and performing dare-devil wheelie stunts.

Team captain Lee Cooper, who has been involved with the team for the past 23 years, describes their routine as "synchronised swimming with diggers".

He said: "It's the first time we've been back here for about 12 years. We do all of the big county shows all over the country and it's good to be at our local one in Kent again."

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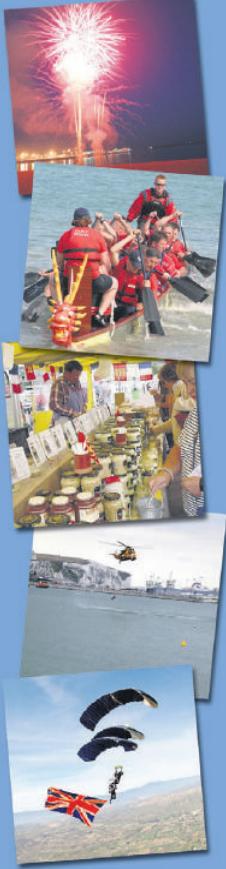
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Watchdog wants to hear your concerns

KENT Police Authority will be quizzing people in shopping centres countywide over the next few weeks to identify the main anti-social behaviour concern.

The roadshows follow last year's tour which identified anti-social behaviour as the biggest issue for residents across the county.

Shoppers will be asked to vote on the following potential concerns as identified by police research:

- Teenagers hanging around;
- Rubbish or litter left lying about;
- Vandalism, graffiti or deliberate damage;
- People being drunk or rowdy in public;
- People using or dealing drugs.

■ BY NICK AMES

• Sittingbourne (Asda), August 22, 11am-4pm.

Kent Police Authority chairwoman Ann Barnes said: "The authority acts as a watchdog and we need to let people know there is someone overseeing policing across Kent and Medway."

"Last year we found that anti-social behaviour was the biggest issue for residents. Now we want to find out in more detail what the issues are."

"It will be interesting to see the results as we now have neighbourhood policing under way."

"It is our job to make sure taxpayers get the best value for money. One of our core roles is to find out what people want from policing and I'll be watching with interest to see what the public choose as their top anti-social behaviour priority."



HIDDEN ANXIETY: Kent Police Authority wants to uncover the main public worries



CASH FLOW: Income from Dartford crossing tolls is to be diverted away from Kent

End of the road for county's toll cash

KENT residents are losing out in cash for roads from the Dartford crossing tolls and the system needs to change, according to county councillors.

KCC's Cllr Keith Ferrin said the crossing charging system needed a "radical overhaul" in order for local motorists to benefit.

His call follows news that cash received by the county authority from tolls is set to stop.

The Department of Transport is proposing a discount scheme for drivers in Dartford to pay a £10 registration fee in return for 50 free crossings a year, due to be introduced in the

autumn. However, the £1 million a year which KCC has been getting from the tolls towards planned integrated transport schemes is being phased out.

Cllr Ferrin, the cabinet member for highways, said: "The Dartford tolls don't reduce congestion, they add to it. Motorists are repeatedly held up in lengthy queues on both sides and residents suffer from noise pollution."

"While Kent has been receiving £1 million a year in loan sanctions – meaning we have been allowed to borrow the money – in future we will not even get that."

"The Government is going to divert

the cash away from Kent into national transport projects, while we continue to suffer."

"There must be better ways of doing this which are of benefit to more people in Kent. The charging system needs a radical overhaul to make it fairer for all."

"As it stands, residents in Gravesend won't get the benefit from the proposed discount even though they live four kilometres closer to the crossing than people living on the Essex side who do qualify."

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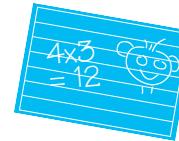
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Year five, six and seven pupils took part in the event on the cricket ground next to Harvey Grammar School in Folkestone on Friday.

We've got talent!

PENT Valley Technology College showed it has real talent both among pupils and staff when a full house witnessed an evening of entertainment.

The audience enjoyed vocal performances from students making solo debut leads. There was contemporary allied with traditional music as classical instruments interpreted modern pop anthems.

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All the technical support was provided by students from years nine and 12. They took care of all the sound, lighting and stage management.

The evening was masterminded by Ellen Bates, head of performing arts, and supported by Pent Valley's PTA.

Academy's first sports day is track to success

■ BY NICK AMES

HUNDREDS of pupils packed out the Julie Rose Stadium in Ashford to cheer on their classmates in the first annual Folkestone Academy sports day.

More than 500 pupils competed in track and field events to set the first school sports records.

Ellie Silverwood, head of physical education, was responsible for planning the day, which took place at the stadium just outside Ashford.

She said: "The pupils have shown real talent in sport throughout the year and they have performed exceptionally. It's so important to give the pupils the opportunity to perform at these types of events in these kinds of facilities. The atmosphere has been electric. Next year will be bigger and better."

A school spokesman added: "As well as gaining personal acclaim, pupils were competing for the house trophy.

"Much of the academy's success can be attributed to the strong school ethos, at the heart of which are eight houses, each with a dedicated pastoral team. Pupils sat in their house groups and showed an incredibly supportive team spirit – waving banners, chanting and cheering for their housemates.

"Many of the pupils were competing in their events for the first time and received fantastic support and encouragement from staff and coaching from the year 12 community sports leaders."

"The pride felt by the competitors was clearly visible on their faces and many pupils spoke of the confidence they now feel to join a sports club and further their skills."

The school opened its doors in September, and staff and pupils felt that the event showed how far they had progressed in such a short time.



COMPETITION: Folkestone Academy pupils take part in the high-jumping event at the Julie Rose Stadium, Ashford

"The atmosphere in the Julie Rose Stadium was electric," said Louise McGowan, acting principal.

With only four years until London hosts the 2012 Olympic Games, staff say they are keen to engage youngsters in sport and work is well under way to develop outdoor sports facilities to include two all-weather pitches, a running track, rugby and football pitches, cricket

square and practice nets and a long-jump pit.

Molly Davis, of year eight and a gold-medal winner in the girls' 100m sprint and girls' long-jump said: "I have only run the 100m competitively three times before and I recorded a time just outside the British Schools Athletics Association gold standard.

"I'm not in any clubs, but I think I might join one now."

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Let's return Le Stink with our unique county pong

WE on the Channel coast again find ourselves on the front line of a major new threat from our neighbours on the Continent.

It's an attack on us, our freedoms to enjoy our countryside and, indeed, our very senses.

I refer of course to the great stink which has been rolling in waves across the Channel for the past few months.

It can be smelt right across the county and, although it's at its worst the nearer you are to the shoreline, nowhere has really escaped.

Something is rotten in the state of Europe.

The bad air which has haunted these shores is the result of the prevailing winds.

Experts say it will soon be gone as pressure equalises and the unusual combination of events which brought it into being are halted.

But our spring was ruined on several days when it has been impossible to go outside.

The first time I noticed it was in early April. Later that month it returned and it was back with a vengeance just the other week during a

warmish spell before high winds got rid of it.

There are various fingers pointing at culprits – but it seems we can declare it's most likely to be the French. Or the Germans.

We do know that it is industrial in origin – partly. So the factories of northern France can have part of the blame. But the Germans can also share responsibility.

Animal dung from pigs is one source of the smell, according to environmental investigators who say their diet has been changed.

But they do concede there is an unhealthy addition of chemical effluent by some factories which are taking advantage of lapses in the wording of environmental protection bills.

So what could be worse than French factories and German hogs?

By calling up the Met Office, I got to speak to someone who seemed to know what they were talking about and this is what they told me.

Apparently the French factories (Le Stink) and the German pigs (Der Stinkers) were partially responsible, but there were other factors.

In fact, the whole lot of them in Europe are to blame. I got told by the helpful Met person

that the smell was the "odour of everyday life in northern Europe".

It is the pig farms and the factories, but there are other equally unpleasant contributors.

These include the by-products of the manufacture of Belgian chocolate, diesel fumes from lorries, slurry spread on fields after a winter ban in Holland on it being dispersed and many thousands of other aromas emanating from people, places and things.

The official explanation is that this all got together in one vast cloud high up in the atmosphere and the winds then blew it in this direction and, as pressure changed, it lost its altitude – thus descending on Kent.

We put up with many things from the Continent: rubbish beer, aggressive lorry drivers, bogus asylum seekers and Plastic Bertrand.

I suggest we hit back with a traditional collection of British smells – gather them all in a cloud and blow it over the Channel.

A combination of pork scratchings, stale real ale, Maidstone high street on a Friday night and the M20 during Operation Stack should do the trick.

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GARY FULLER

The Liberal Democrat councillor is backing a march in London on Friday which is calling for an end to a law that stops thousands of Zimbabweans from working in this country.

Why is this an issue on which you feel so strongly?

I've long opposed the policy of forcing asylum claimants to live on handouts. For the Government to be inflicting this kind of suffering on Zimbabweans who have suffered so much under Mugabe goes beyond intolerable – especially given the criticism that it has levelled at his regime in recent months.

Is it purely Zimbabweans you are concerned with?

No, this is part of a much wider issue concerning asylum seekers. It is all about the treatment they receive and I come across a fair number of instances in my work as a councillor and in education. There is also the issue of the Gurkha soldiers being stopped from working and that is another matter which concerns me greatly, especially as so many of them live locally.

So you feel a change in the law is necessary?

Yes, as both these matters are part of a general way that asylum seekers are treated and are symptomatic of the issue generally.

What would you like to see happen?

I would like to see a fundamental change of policy which allows those coming into the country to work and contribute to the economy and so show their commitment to this country.



YOUR LETTERS

Lots of us enjoyed a cracking festival

What the heck are people causing such a fuss about? Zoo8 was absolutely wicked and I don't see Yourshepway voicing the opinions of those who did enjoy themselves ('Catalogue of woes rocks big festival').

I just see the press criticising a good event.

So the queues were a little long... big deal, it was a massive event with a big turn-out, they delayed the start because of the queues so people didn't miss out!

A few acts didn't turn up because apparently they hadn't been paid, but the organisers then did their best to rearrange.

A tent being closed due to health and safety.. I'd rather that than be crushed if it had collapsed. Do people not think of this?

The organisers did a good job considering the pressures of what happened due to no fault of their own. I hope they carry on and have a Zoo9!

I camped there all weekend and loved it – great music and a great atmosphere!

Vicki Dover

people missed bands. What hasn't been mentioned is the way they still had the cheek to sell programmes at £6 a throw. These consisted of about six A6 cards with the alleged stage times. These all changed, or bands dropped out, as you reported.

I would like to applaud bands such as British Sea Power who had to lift the crowd, who'd just heard a rumour that Ash and others weren't going to play, and the second tent had been closed, and were very disgruntled.

These guys probably played without being fully paid and did it for the fans. Unlike Dizzee Rascal or Athlete – shame on them.

Steve Cobb
via email

It's all part of the experience for me

Regular festival-goers shouldn't have been fazed. Last year at Global Gathering the queue was over six hours long and camping and toilet facilities were horrible, but that's expected – and that for a big-name festival that's been running for years. This was Zoo8's first festival, and the scale was amazing, despite shocking let-downs from headliners.

MJ
via comments on www.kentnews.co.uk

Zoo8 coverage was fair and balanced

I have just read your story about Zoo8 and I'd say it was a pretty fair assessment.

We went on the Saturday and queued for about an hour, so I guess I was lucky. Very strange system of giving out the wristbands, though – chaotic even.

Also the information was appalling, especially when one of the tents was closed, so a lot of

Why was there only one queue?

We queued for four-and-a-half hours, didn't get any directions or anything, and had to carry everything from the car park, more than 20 minutes away.

The queues for VIP, weekend and day tickets were all one line, which was the cause of the delays, and all the bands up to 4pm on Friday got cancelled, not delayed.

Then Dizzee Rascal didn't even turn up.

Jon Biron
via comments on www.kentnews.co.uk

wristbands cut off, but they sneaked back in.

Rachael
via comments on www.kentnews.co.uk

Hardly what you'd call VIP treatment

We travelled a long way to see the acts at Zoo8 and spent a lot of money on weekend VIP tickets, which ended up being pointless as 'extras' like the showers weren't working properly all weekend and the toilets were ruined.

When the music was playing, it was great. However, we were forced to leave early on Saturday as security was so bad that the VIP area had people who weren't supposed to be in there thieving. Our tent was targeted.

Jamie Leonard
via comments on www.kentnews.co.uk

The no-show divas were being selfish

Dizzee Rascal didn't show up and kept what money he was paid.

It was a first-time festival – did it not even occur to him how much that would cost the organisers, not just financially, but their reputation?

They did amazingly considering such diva-like behaviour. The sets were fantastic, and sound systems put other festivals to shame. Well done!

MD

via comments on www.kentnews.co.uk

Wonderful tribute made me so proud

It was wet and windy, but that didn't put a damper on the Battle of Britain memorial service at Capel-le-Ferne.

All those on parade were magnificent – especially the band. Their instruments got as soaked as they did, their music turned with the wind and yet I never heard a single wrong note.

The people who ran this should not be allowed to get away with it or run events again.

Dan Pullen

via comments on www.kentnews.co.uk

The criminals were having a good time

We are appalled to learn there were just three arrests.

We saw so much crime, from thieving and robbing to assaults, drug-taking and people asking for drugs. We saw people hauled off site and having their

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LEGENDS: Stan Tracey, the godfather of British jazz, will perform at the Gulbenkian Theatre, while Sid Bailey (inset) will make music with son Sam

THE Orange Street Summer of Jazz Festival will open with a flourish when it welcomes the legendary Stan Tracey.

Widely acknowledged as 'the godfather of British jazz', Tracey's career has spanned six decades and he is considered to be a hugely influential musician. He has influenced and stimulated not only his contemporaries, but every generation with which he has worked.

He is a prolific composer, having written 20 commissions and 40 of his own albums, and he is renowned for combining the percussive melody of Thelonious Monk with the robust lyricism of Duke Ellington.

Adding his idiosyncratic style, he has created exceptional music throughout his career. Tracey has been appointed a CBE and has also won the BBC Radio Jazz Award for Lifetime Achievement.

He returns to Canterbury following his sell-out concert last year. You can

see him give a trio performance at the Gulbenkian Theatre at 7.45pm on Thursday, July 24. Tickets cost £16/£14. To book, phone the box office on 01227 769075, or visit www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk.

The line-up of jazz acts continues at Orange Street Music Venue, where highlights will include experimental four-piece Outhouse on Friday, July 25; vocalist Gwyneth Herbert on Saturday, July 26; local pianists the David Rees-Williams Trio on Sunday, July 27; and piano and acoustic guitar duo Westcott & Rodway on Thursday, July 31.

There will be a family feeling to the festival when Sam and Sid Bailey make their contributions. On Monday, July 28, pianist Sam will perform as part of The Quartet, along with Jack Hugon on guitar, Tom Mason on double bass and Dave Smith on drums, while his father Sid will appear with the Sid Bailey Tailgate Six on Friday, August 1.

The six musicians have spent a

lifetime playing jazz with New Orleans spice and the group includes JJ Vinton, who was George Melly's pianist for 11 years.

Orange Street is offering a special 'father and son' deal for these two concerts – take your father along and see both gigs for just £15 per person.

And you can discover what jazz mixed with heavy metal sounds like when Led Bib takes to the stage, while Huw Warren, winner of the BBC Innovation in Jazz Award, combines folk, jazz and classical influences in his piano compositions.

The festival will close with Canterbury's most famous jazzman Tony Coe playing with an all-star quartet on Saturday, August 9.

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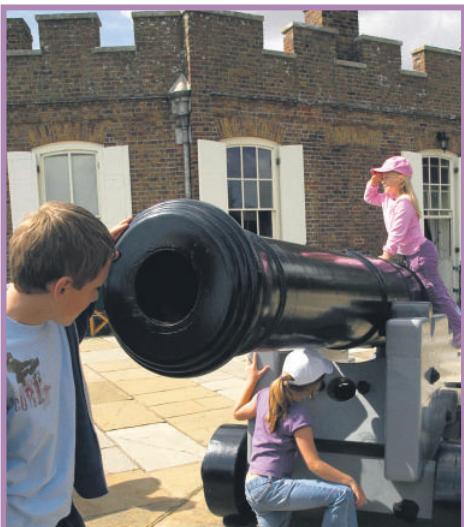
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All competitors will receive free admission to the park and a voucher permitting one adult and two children to enter at the discounted rate of £5 each, allowing families to spend the rest of the day meeting the animals. Everyone who completes their selected course will also receive a medal.

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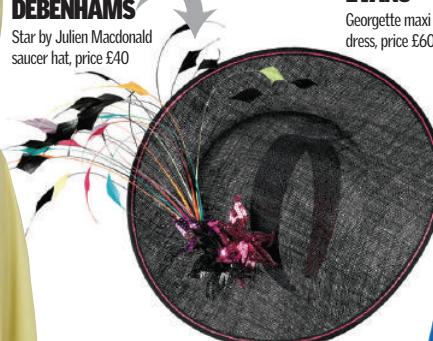
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■ BY TOM BETTS

IN the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

On the second day God said: "Let there be Cheers," and he saw Cheers, and he saw that it was good.

On the third day, "God created Fraiser and he saw that it too was good."

On the fourth day he said: "Let there be Back to You," – and that's where it all went horribly wrong.

It's not that this latest American sitcom is awful or that it doesn't occasionally raise a titter, but that it's almost an exact replica of its predecessor – just with a few nips and tucks.

Kelsey Grammer's last big project may have been a bona fide TV classic where he demonstrated that he was one of the few genuinely interesting TV actors left, but the whiff of laziness hangs over this like smog over the Olympic stadium.

It's a real disappointment that instead of moving on as he appeared to be doing (he played the bright blue, muscle-bound Thing in X Men 3 for those who didn't know) it's frustrating to see he has decided to plough the same furrow as a bumbling, middle-aged, unlucky-in-love male once again.

You wonder why they would bother to remake a show that has only been off the air a few seasons, when they could have simply stretched out the original a little longer if need be.

If you never saw Fraiser then this could work for you, but it's still a drop in quality and I'd leave well alone if you were a fan of the shrink's antics and would rather not tarnish the memory.

I've never quite understood the pub-



OLD JOKES: Kelsey Grammer (right) seems to have made an error with More 4's Back To You

lic's fascination with My Family. I could more easily understand a fascination with my family, but no, not My Family.

I don't know anyone who tunes in, or will admit to it, yet it's a massive ratings hit for the BBC. Clearly some of you out there do like it.

Under the canned laughter though, I've always wondered where the jokes are hiding.

As the show simply isn't amusing I guess the appeal is that, in general, this overly silly, suburban nightmare is a closer representation of a typical family than those portrayed by say, EastEnders and picks up viewers who take comfort in that.

Not the heartiest recommendation for a comedy to compare it to a soap opera, but I really have laughed harder at Pauline Fowler's cardigans.

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YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

GETTING help from a friend, lover or colleague is will be invaluable. If you keep turning this person away, your relationship will fall apart at the seams. You need to learn how to become more open. If that means relinquishing some of your independence, so be it.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762

PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

WORK becomes a lot more pleasant this week. Maybe you'll be given a plum assignment. It's even possible an unpleasant colleague will change jobs. You should take time to celebrate. Worrying less about your job gives you more time for the people and activities you love.

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TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

YOU finally have the money to buy something for your home. Refuse to feel guilty about indulging your love of luxury. You're long overdue for a treat. Making more time for simple pleasures like gardening and craftwork will put you in touch with similarly creative people.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

TAKING a short trip for pleasure could give you valuable perspective. Stop spending your precious time on thankless duties that make you miserable. A moneymaking idea allows you to spend more time with your family. It also gives you the freedom of working for yourself.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

THIS week highlights your wit, charm, and grace. Now is the time to ask for that special favour. Trust your instincts with regard to a finance. It will require lots of effort on your part, but the long-term rewards will be worth it. A difficult work situation could come to an end.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

SPENDING time on your own helps recharge your spiritual batteries. Friends give you positive feedback about a personal decision. Having their support will make all the difference to your ultimate success. You could even get help from an unexpected source.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

YOU know just what to do and say to win favour with the public. This is an excellent time to go on job interviews and auditions. Your extensive knowledge wins you points with an important committee. News about a business matter could open up exciting doors.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

GOING on a trip could be in the cards. You've been longing to expand your horizons. Be sure to visit a city with an element of glamour to it. If you're single, you could meet someone special on this journey. The two of you will feel an instant physical attraction.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19)

THIS week opens an extended period of fun, romance and adventure. Enjoy this phase to the fullest. It will be much easier to strike a healthy balance between your personal and professional lives. A sudden revelation could help you come to terms with a long-held grudge.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

MONEY becomes more readily available for creature comforts. The happiness these possessions bring will be worth the investment. Learning a valuable skill makes you more confident. A dynamic instructor helps you soak up information like a sponge. They think you have talent.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

BEAUTIFYING a public space will be a good use of your time. You're greatly attuned to your surroundings. You may be surprised to learn how many people share your disgust and will work to improve things. Favourable publicity could come as a result of these efforts.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

BECOMING intimate with a love interest will prove a welcome distraction. It's a relief to be able to let down your defences. The more honest you are, the stronger your relationship will become. It's especially important to discuss taboo subjects, like religion, sex, and prejudices.

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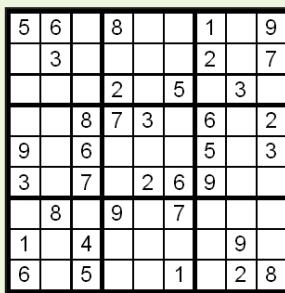
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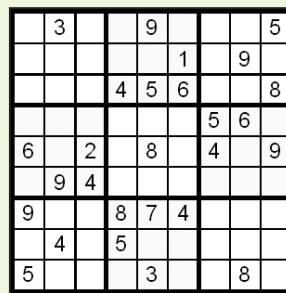
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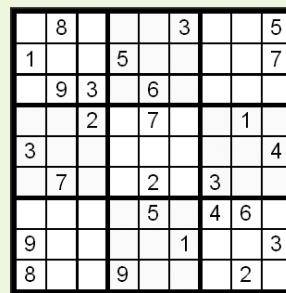
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CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Dish varied by cook (5,5)
- 6 Is removed from discus strangely that will move swiftly in the wind (4)
- 9 Record book (5)
- 10 Loud performance in reality (4)
- 11 Some dreamboat in pulpit! (4)
- 13 In following as a result of it being trivial (15)
- 14 Denial that it's brat playing with lute (8)
- 16 Miniature fly appears before time (6)
- 18 Medicine for head zookeeper on account (6)
- 19 Negligent not having a concern (8)
- 22 It is something credit customer cannot have (8,3,4)
- 24 Man I name taking Virginia inside (4)
- 25 Reckless little wife removed lid (4)
- 26 A few need space to make revving up noise (5)
- 27 Gold-coloured security (4)
- 28 Merry boy on board (5,5)

DOWN

- 1 More pithy but of less interest to a vegetarian? (7)
- 2 Appallingly execrable earl leaves boat! (5)
- 3 Teacher in show business? (12)
- 4 Rob fellow soldier (8)
- 5 Hair-raising in prison? (4-2)
- 7 Arriving about midday initially with the Parisian mix (9)
- 8 Small amount of liquid allowed to fall first (7)
- 12 Is one trained on the job? (6-6)
- 15 Reserve seat at market perhaps (9)
- 17 Daughter laid off extraordinary bloomer (8)
- 18 Penny putting in ingredients for stuffing? (7)
- 20 Some kirsch emerged for planner (7)
- 21 Violet Jones accommodates duke (6)
- 23 A desire to be in company (5)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Stilton eg (4-6)
- 6 Leer (4)
- 9 Sorryfully (5)
- 10 Impel (4)
- 11 Jape (4)
- 13 Debut (5,10)
- 14 More probable (8)
- 16 Call for repetition (6)
- 18 Clannish (6)
- 19 Eastern US state (8)
- 22 Large church in Devon (6,9)
- 24 TOW resort (4)
- 25 Face-covering (4)
- 26 Soaked (5)
- 27 Come across (4)

28 Demoted (10)

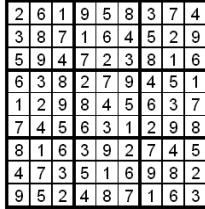
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- 2 Mammary gland (5)
- 3 Fortune-teller (7-5)
- 4 Supplied (8)
- 5 Tinges (anag.) (6)
- 7 Raw youth (9)
- 8 Drastic (7)
- 12 Sinner (12)
- 15 Critical point (5-4)
- 17 In error (8)
- 18 Proposition (7)
- 20 Calmed (7)
- 21 Book size (6)
- 23 Stiff (5)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

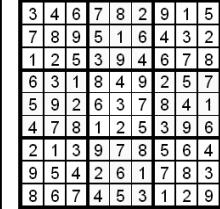
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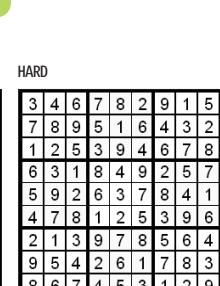


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Hives of entertainment

Great bands save festival with their animal magic

BY SIMON ROBINSON

LET us reflect on the positives of Zoo8. (Feel free to count the number of painful, animal-related puns shoe-horned in below).

The whole weekend was anything but a roaring success (here we go), but all was not entirely lost.

Festival-goers went wild for the likes of The Hives, British Sea Power, Hadouken!, The Cribs and Ash, who all put in great performances on the main stage.

Music lovers also stampeded to the festival's number one stage to watch producer extraordinaire Mark Ronson bring the opening day's proceedings to a close.

He was okay – but I can't see what all the fuss is about. After all, his set consisted of covers of covers of hit singles.

So the Zutons' hit single Valerie, covered superbly by Ronson/Winehouse was played live by Ronson/little-known guest vocalist.

Hardly elephant-astic.

Minor quibble aside, Ronson and all the other artists who performed at Zoo8 were largely well-received by the 12,000-strong crowd.

Lethal Bizzle deserves particular praise for



GREAT: Ash and Hadouken! were among the acts who performed on the main stage at the Zoo8 festival



filling in for Dizzee Rascal. The carnivorous crowd were baying for blood at the beginning of his stand-in set, but were quickly converted and seemed to really enjoy his high-energy performance.

The dance tent was also a hit and arguably the most successful stage during the three-day event, with lots of monkeying about going on around the clock.

The festival also gave the cream of Kent's emerging talent a chance to reach a new audience, something which should not be overlooked.

And, of course, the proximity to the zoo was a real bonus, with a half-price entry deal running throughout the week, it wasn't too deer.

Port Lympne Wild Animal Park is one of the county's best tourist attractions, housing thousands of animals from majestic rhinos, tigers and elephants to hyperactive monkeys, bush dogs and wolves.

The park was only a ten-minute walk from the festival site and gave Zoo8 ticket holders an alternative to just lion around before the day's music began.

Yes, there were many, many problems with the festival.

But with the apologetic promoters promising to rectify them at Zoo9, perhaps a leopard can change his spots? (Apologies for the puns).

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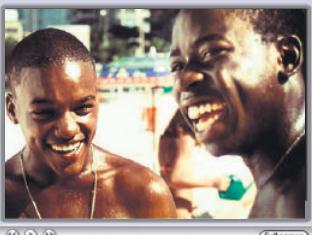
An exciting adventure based on the classic Jules Verne novel, it stars Brendan Fraser as a science professor whose hypotheses have made him the laughing stock of the academic community. But on an expedition in Iceland, he and his nephew stumble upon a discovery that launches them on a journey deep beneath the Earth's surface and they meet a variety of creatures.

FORBIDDEN KINGDOM (12A)



A 21st-century American teenager takes a spellbinding, dangerous journey into martial arts legend in this new action/adventure epic. Shot on location in China, it marks the historic first onscreen pairing of martial arts superstars Jackie Chan and Jet Li and the awe-inspiring choreography of Wo Ping (Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon).

CITY OF MEN (15)



Growing up in a culture dictated by violence, teenagers Acerola and Laranjinha have become close. With their 18th birthdays fast approaching, Laranjinha sets out to find the father he never met, while Acerola struggles to raise his own young son. But they suddenly find themselves on opposite sides of a violent gang war.

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That spandex moment

■ BY KATE WHITING

MERYL Streep is best known for her serious roles in films like Out Of Africa, so it's really quite hard to imagine her as a flamboyant Lycra-clad blonde, belting out Super Trouper and other camp Abba numbers.

But this is exactly the surprising transformation the two-time Oscar-winner has undergone for one of this summer's brightest blockbusters – the film adaptation of the hit musical Mamma Mia!

When we meet at an elegant hotel in London, Streep is looking her usual demure self – but she's mischievous and keen to dispel the idea that she's out of place in musicals.

"My first Broadway show was a musical and then I'd done a lot of musicals in high school, so it was like coming home to a thing that I always loved doing," she says.

"I haven't done many because I haven't done much stage, even though I wanted to, in a long time... and people are afraid to make musicals into movies."

Streep heads an impressive cast-list as Donna, a hippy mum running a guest house on a Greek island whose only daughter Sophie (Amanda Seyfried) is about to get married.

Unknown to Donna, Sophie has pinched her mum's diary from the year she was born and has invited her three potential fathers (played by Pierce Brosnan, Colin Firth and Stellan Skarsgård) to her wedding, although her mum hasn't seen them in 20 years.

Cue much mayhem in the sweltering heat as Sophie tries to



ORIGINAL: Meryl Streep loved performing in her first movie musical Mamma Mia!

work out which man is her dad and Donna tries to chase them off the island – all set to various Abba classics.

One of the funniest, and most surreal, moments comes during Sophie's hen party, when Donna and her best friends (played by Julie Walters and Christine Baranski) squeeze into their plat-

form boots and colourful flares to perform one more time as 1970s band Donna And The Dynamos.

Streep, who recently turned 59 but doesn't look anywhere near it, fell in love with Mamma Mia! long before she was singled out to play Donna after watching it on Broadway in 2001.

"I took my ten-year-old and her

birthday party right after it had opened. It was right after September 11 and everyone was feeling really low and I thought 'What am I going to do with all these kids?'" she says.

"I saw an ad in the New York Times and it said 'new British musical' and something about 'buoyant fun' and I thought 'Boy! I'm there'.

"I took the kids and we were all dancing in the aisles and down the street. I bought the album and sang the songs for two years."

The actress, who has four children with her husband of almost 30 years Don Gummer, admits she was apprehensive about her now grown-up offspring seeing their mum in psychedelic 1970s gear for some of the big retro dance numbers.

"I was nervous, but then I showed them all the stills and they've already had their mortification moment about me wearing spandex.

"We have to get over this," she says with a laugh. "I can't wait for them to see it. It's as if we've all done it for our daughters."

"My son will be appalled, but I think he'll actually like it because he's a musician and he'll get a kick out of it."



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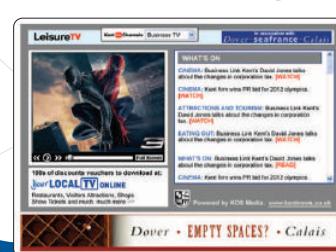
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It's Scilly to travel any further

BY GARY WRIGHT

IT may be a cliché, but as I gazed toward the sprinkling of tiny islands across the mauve waters reflecting the sunlight of the bay, I really could have been anywhere in the world.

Yet I was just 28 miles off the coast of mainland Britain, standing under a palm tree on one of the isle of Tresco's amazing beaches.

Tresco is arguably the prettiest of the archipelago that is the Isles of Scilly. But this idyllic location remains something of a secret; there are those 'in the know', the lucky few who have visited and come back year after year. And then there are the rest of us, who would perhaps struggle to point to the isles on a map.

The 2,000 residents – most of whom live on the main island of St Mary's – will happily tell you about the Gulf Stream that ensures higher temperatures and frost-free winters.

They might also mention their average wage is well under the rest of the UK and they might even moan, if light-heartedly, that the whole area is part of the Duchy of Cornwall and allows Prince Charles to rake in millions each year.

So, arguably, this is feudal Britain... but with a twist. Because they all love living there.

What they forget to mention, but it strikes any visitor immediately, is the lifestyle from another century. Everyone says 'good morning' and people really do leave their doors unlocked at night. No one can remember the last serious crime on the isles.

There is an air of innocence about the place,



ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD: Stunning views to match the finest on the planet are yours to enjoy very close to home almost quaint, but it is sincere, unlike so many picturesque destinations.

But while Bryher is a walkers' paradise, with its granite hillsides, quartz-sprinkled beaches and dramatic views over the Atlantic breakers, do not think survival is basic.

Bryher's Hell Bay Hotel proves it's a luxury holiday location, too. Alongside some of the best service I've ever sampled in the UK, its cuisine is top-notch (sort of nouvelle British) and the wine list will please everyone.

Rooms are magnificent. Decorated in a simple New England style – pastel colours and plenty of wood – my balcony looked out to sea... next stop really was New York.

Its sister establishment on Tresco is The Island Hotel, a five-minute boat ride followed by tractor bus. Once again service was exceptional, but there was a more refined air – most people

dressed for dinner – compared with the newer Bryher upstart.

It is a regular in Britain's top 50 hotels and would be a winner in my book even if it were a potting shed, simply for its location. As I enjoyed a divine meal gazing across Long Point to Foreman's Island while the sun turned the sky red, I truly felt Scilly was unbeatable.

Tresco is the island of choice for many holidaymakers with its beaches, country walks, spectacular botanical gardens and lifestyle.

And the Flying Boat Club, with its restaurant bar, pool and spa, offers all the facilities of a first-class hotel for people staying in the club's beach houses and cottages.

So why are you flying halfway around the world for island isolation, spectacular scenery, exceptional service and escape from the crush of other holidaymakers?

FACT FILE

Holiday details

Getting there: Boat: Scillonian III passenger ferry. Departs from Penzance to St Mary's six days a week. From £76 return. Airplane: Skybus from Southampton, Bristol, Exeter, Newquay and Land's End to St Mary's, six days a week. Prices from £109 to £309 return. Details flights and ferry: www.ios-travel.co.uk, or phone 0845 710 5555. Helicopter: British International. Fly from Penzance Heliport to St Mary's, six days a week. Prices from £112 to £160 return. Details of helicopter, visit www.islesofscillyhelicopter.com, or phone 01736 363871.

Gary Wright was a guest at both the Hell Bay Hotel on Bryher (from £130 to £300 per person, including breakfast, dinner and VAT) and The Island Hotel on Tresco (from £130 to £360 per person, including breakfast, dinner and VAT). For details, visit www.hellbay.co.uk and www.islandhotel.co.uk.

For timeshare options on Tresco with three-year advance rent and guaranteed cash-back and buy-back, see www.tresco.co.uk, or phone Tresco Estates on 01720 422849.

Boat travel between islands varies from £3 up, but hotels can advise and organise travel between islands.

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PROPERTY NEWS

Cooperation could help house market

THE Home Builders Federation wants the Government to do more to help provide affordable homes to buyers across the UK.

Executive chairman Stewart Baseley said any moves in this direction would go someway to boosting the country's property market and provide greater confidence for both sellers and buyers.

He said that it was only the private sector which could help in this area by delivering homes which were at the right price for those looking to buy and ministers should ensure that they work as closely as possible with developers to assist them in any way possible.

"This will bring much needed confidence to the market," said Mr Baseley.

Housing minister Caroline Flint has unveiled moves in this direction with £270 million released through the Housing Corporation to build new homes.

The federation called this "a step in the right direction" but added more needs to be done.

Government targets for new homes include a total of 240,000 to be built across the UK each year by 2016.

Stable interest rate predicted by analyst

INTEREST rates in the UK will remain on hold at five per cent until the end of this year according to a leading economist.

Ross Walker of the Royal Bank of Scotland said the trend of rising inflation rates and a weakening economy will keep rates stable for the next five months at least.

He said in reference to decision making in today's economic climate: "The Monetary Policy Committee is stuck like the proverbial rabbit in the headlights."

But he added he felt there would be movement next year, most likely in the first quarter.

The Bank of England, which oversees interest rates in the UK, is looking at how best to combat the credit crunch which has combined with high oil prices and increased food prices to cause the economic downturn.

The final decision on interest rates is the responsibility of the bank's Monetary Policy Committee which agreed last week to hold rates at five per cent.



USEFUL PROJECT: Empty buildings are being renovated as housing – the initiative has been so successful in east Kent that other district councils are joining the scheme

New homes from old

Scheme has seen almost 500 properties brought back to use

A PLAN which is helping to create new homes across the county by bringing long-term empty properties back into use has exceeded its delivery target.

Following a pioneering programme it has spread countywide and is aimed at renovating derelict properties – which are both useless and an eyesore.

Launched in 2005, No Use Empty – the Kent Empty Property Initiative started as a partnership between Kent County Council and East Kent coastal authorities including Dover, Shepway and Thanet.

Research had earlier revealed they had a large number of empty homes.

New figures just released reveal that in the past three years, almost 500 properties have been brought back into use as new, good quality homes and the remaining district councils from

■ BY NICK AMES

across the county have joined the initiative.

The initial three-year target for the number of empty properties to be returned to use was 372, and this figure has been surpassed by more than 30 per cent, with a total of 487 vacant properties given a new lease of life and turned into a home.

Roger Gough, cabinet member for regeneration at KCC, said: "Empty houses are a scourge on our local communities, preventing investment and regeneration, devaluing surrounding properties, attracting anti-social behaviour and depriving people of a much-needed home."

In teaming up with local authorities from across the county, Kent has tackled this issue head-on, delivering outstanding results which prove this initiative is an effective and efficient approach to tackling empty housing.

"This success is a great testimony to the hard work and dedication of the No Use Empty project team, but especially the empty property officers from across the local district councils.

The initiative has been widely praised across the UK as a unique partnership between county and local councils and is a blueprint for other councils in the country to follow."

David Ireland, chief executive of the Empty Homes Agency, said: "No Use Empty has more than lived up to its early promise."

"Not only have the councils performed well, but the initiative has had a catalytic effect encouraging others to bring empty homes back into use."

"The numbers of empty homes in east Kent has dropped significantly over the past three years. We think that Kent has created a fantastic model that other parts of the country should follow."

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MOTORS NEWS



Greenest Fiesta comes with go-faster stripes

FORD will use next week's British International Motor Show at Excel, London (July 23-August 3) as the launch pad for an all-new and even more pivotal Fiesta model.

The original car was launched in 1976 and the latest generation will feature some of the greenest ever versions of the long-running hatchback.

Ironically, for these tough motoring times though, it will be one of the raciest looking Fiestas ever.

It goes on sale in October in both three and five-door forms.



Twingo's sporty twist ready for September

RENAULT'S new Twingo may have been upstaged by the arrival of the Fiat 500, but dealers are taking orders for September delivery of this sporting flagship wearing charismatic Renaultsport' performance branding.

The £11,550 Twingo Renaultsport 133 has a 1.6-litre petrol engine, with standard kit including Renaultsport tuned chassis plus electronic stability control, 16-inch alloys and a suitably sporty interior with Renaultsport front seats and orange seatbelts. Renault might yet add a turbocharger to create an ultimate model later on, though.



New eco-friendly 4x4 is Audi's posh creation

AUDI will slot a smaller SUV into its line-up later this year.

The Q5 will sit below the big Q7 and should be a leisure 4x4 more suited to straitened times, while offering a prestige badge and style.

The German executive marque claims the newcomer combines the poise of a sports saloon with the flexibility of a performance SUV (sports utility vehicle) and will be suitable for all seasons and all surfaces.

Prices are expected to start at £30,000.



DREAM MACHINE: It may be some time before residual values of the Alfa Romeo 159 Sportwagon can match those of German rivals, but there is hope where none existed before

Alfa striking right chord with this classy number

IS the Alfa Romeo 159 Sportwagon the ultimate estate car for style?

Based on the gorgeous-looking saloon, this 'liftback' model just oozes class, from the distinctive 'shield' grille and flanking array of lamps to the sharply cut short overhang back end.

Of course, like most so-called 'lifestyle estates' it isn't the ultimate load carrier space-wise, but the marriage of extra practicality with looks is hard to beat.

Omens are also good for the lifetime of this handsome lifestyle wagon; after several much heralded new, but eventually false dawns on the durability front, this latest Alfa family model seems to wear well.

Okay, it might be some time before residual values match German rivals, but there is hope where none existed before.

As always with an Alfa it is also easy to silence nagging doubts inside the head by pulling on the heart strings as you fire up the engine and head for the open road, especially when the model in question is the £27,850 flagship 159 2.4-litre diesel Sportwagon in Lusso spec with all-wheel drive, as tested here.

ROAD TEST ALFA ROMEO 159

■ BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

This is an Audi Quattro Avant with Italian style and flair and, based on experience with more humdrum 159 models, this is where you want to be if you can afford it.

Well-designed leather upholstery and extra toys suit the thoroughbred class of the Italian headturner.

The engine can be gruff, but 210bhp and ample low down torque can be applied beautifully via the Q4 system - Alfa's trade name for its 'quattro' equivalent.

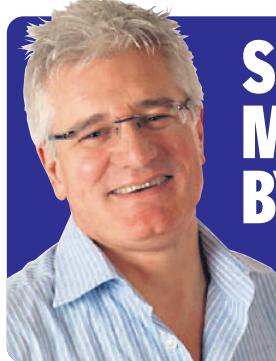
The result is a taut driver's car without ride discomfort - a sporting estate with everyday family appeal.

Even the interior has sufficient style without the silly attempts at individualism that have marred Alfas of the past.

There is also decent head and legroom in the back plus clever stowage in the boot even if the six-CD autochanger is to be found there rather than in the dashboard.

Yes, the 159 range (from £18,550) is a milestone for the Italian brand - a buyer's head and heart can be in harmony at last on this classy number.

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We have the following vacancies:

SCHOOLS PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR

£21,984 (inc. Labour Market Uplift)

Our 14-16 year old programmes include Key Stage 4 Engagement Programme (50/50) and Alternative Curriculum programmes for individual schools. Our programme objectives are to develop and encourage vocational and employability skills which enable young people to re-engage and make positive life choices.

We are looking to engage a highly motivated, organised individual who has empathy with this client group. The post holder will be required to co-ordinate the activities and take responsibility for the Nacro 14-16 year old Alternative Curriculum programmes across Kent and Medway. This post will suit someone who has a background in education and who is keen to ensure that all young people receive the education appropriate to their needs.

KEY SKILLS TRAINER (Maternity Cover)

£17,658 to £19,658 per Annum (inc. Labour Market Uplift)

We work in partnership to deliver our successful Entry to Employment Programme (e2e). This programme is for young people aged 16 – 18 and requires an enthusiastic, Lively, Creative individual to join our staff team. You will be experienced in using imaginative new techniques to encourage young people to take opportunities offered to progress them into further education, training or employment. Experience in employer engagement would be desirable.

This position will be subject to an enhanced CRB check.

KEY SKILLS TRAINER (Army Preparation Programme)

£17,658 to £19,658 per Annum (inc. Labour Market Uplift)

We work in partnership to deliver our successful Entry to Employment Programme (e2e). This programme is for young people aged 16 – 18 and requires an enthusiastic, Lively, Creative individual to join our staff team. You will be experienced in using imaginative new techniques to encourage young people to take opportunities offered to progress them into further education, training or employment. Experience in employer engagement would be desirable.

This position will be subject to an enhanced CRB check.

TRAINER (Schools Programmes)

£17,658 to £19,658 (inc. Labour Market Uplift)

We hold the contract to deliver the 50/50 element of the Key Stage 4 Engagement Programme and work in partnership with schools and Local Education Authority to re-engage Key Stage 4 Learners.

You will be experienced in using imaginative new techniques to encourage young people to take up vocational and work related opportunities offered to them through the programme and have an interest in teaching a variety of subjects to young people. Experience of working with challenging behaviour would be an advantage.

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SWITCH ON PROJECT MANAGER

£24,535 per annum

Nacro has been awarded an ESF contract to deliver a project for 14-16 year olds across Kent and Medway and Sussex. The project (called Switch On) aims to assist young people's transition into employment and training. You should have experience of managing successful ESF projects, the ability to develop provision and a track record of successful engagement with 14-16 year olds and other stakeholders. Working closely with the Area Manager for Kent and Nacro's Regional Performance team, you will also need to work with partner organisations to ensure the project is effective across the whole area. The post will be based in either Kent and Medway or the Brighton area, is dependent on ESF funding and is currently until 2010.

Please note that this position will be subject to a CRB check.



TIE PROJECT MANAGER

£24,535 per annum

Nacro has been awarded an ESF contract to deliver a personal development and employability project (called TIE) across Kent and Medway and Surrey to 14-19 year olds. The post will be based in Kent and Medway, but will require the post-holder to travel to Surrey on a regular basis. You should have experience of managing successful ESF projects, the ability to develop provision and a track record of successful engagement with 14-19 year olds and other stakeholders. Working closely with the Area Manager for Kent and Nacro's Regional Performance team, you will also need to work with partner organisations to ensure the project is effective across the whole area. The post is dependent on ESF funding and is currently until 2010.

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Closing Date: 25th July 2008

Interview Date: To be arranged

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Post Ref: 06/08

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Ref: JU01

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Lecturer in Engineering

Ref: JU02

Salary: £25,092 - £28,719

You will have proven experience in Engineering and be able to teach across a range of levels from Foundation/GCSE to Higher National. The successful candidate will have a HNC or Degree in an Engineering subject. Candidates should hold or be willing to work towards an approved teaching qualification.

Lecturer in Public Services

Ref: JU03

Salary: £25,092 - £28,719

We are seeking to recruit a Lecturer to teach on a range of BTEC and school links programmes. The successful candidate will have experience in Public Services and have a recognised teaching qualification. The department will also consider applications from candidates without a teaching qualification although this will be reflected in the grading.

Additional Learning Support Tutor

Ref: JU04

Salary: £25,092 - £28,719

The successful candidate will work across all our College campuses and will have a recognised teaching qualification or be working towards an appropriate qualification. The candidate will be able to demonstrate recent, all round experience and knowledge in supporting learners with difficulties.

Lecturer in Plumbing

Ref: JU05

Salary: £25,092 - £28,719

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Ref: JU06

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Ref: JU08

£19.74 to £28.28 per hour including holiday component

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Closing date: Friday, 18 July 2008

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Marketing man to lead young entrepreneurs

KENT Association for Young Entrepreneurs has appointed a new chairman.

The only organisation of its kind in the country committed to helping the county's young entrepreneurs, it has appointed David Ing to the role. He is managing director of Maidstone-based CFA Marketing Communications.

It follows a three-year involvement with the organisation, which is supported by the Kent branch of the Institute of Directors.

He takes over from Jo Ostermeyer, of chartered accountants Creaseys LLP.

Travel firms moves into luxury with takeover

MAIDSTONE-based Medway Travel is celebrating its 15th year in business by expanding into a rapidly growing niche area for luxury holidays.

It has just taken over the Wellbeing Holidays International brand by merging tour operator Pegasus Luxury Travel into its business.

Pegasus's Geoff Davies, who set up the travel firm in 1997, approached Medway Travel and asked if it would like to work with him.

Paul Julius, of Medway Travel, saw it as a way of meeting increasing demands from customers for luxury holidays.

Eco merchant in line for green leader award

AN ECO-FRIENDLY building and decorating materials supplier is in the running for a top green business award.

Ecomerchant, based in Goodnestone, near Canterbury, has been selected as one of the top 40 environment-friendly businesses in this year's Barclays Commercial Bank Green Leaders in Business Awards.

The company was founded ten years ago by Joe Wild after he discovered how difficult it was to source such materials.

It will now bid to be crowned the National Green Leader in Business in the medium business category.

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There's a new face at chamber's helm

Director Jo takes on Kent Invicta chief executive role

■ BY TONY PATEY

IT'S all change at the top of one of the county's biggest business support organisations, after Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce appointed a new chief executive.

Chris Capron has stepped down from the role because of long-term illness and been replaced by Jo James.

Mr Capron has been at the helm of the chamber for the past nine years, successfully guiding it through an era of expansion.

He built it from the Ashford Chamber of Commerce to become Kent Invicta Chamber, which covers the areas of Ashford, Canterbury, Maidstone and west Kent, with offices in Ashford and Maidstone.

As the largest chamber in the county – and now one of the largest in the South East – Kent Invicta has an active membership of 1,200 businesses.

Graham Galpin, the chamber's chairman, said: "It has been a pleasure and an honour to work with Mr Capron, to whom we owe so much.

"He has placed the chamber in an enviable position and one of great strength.

"Since he has been recovering from surgery in November, Mrs James, the chamber's director of

membership services, has taken on the role as acting chief executive and has done an excellent job in keeping it moving forward in this difficult interim period.

"Having worked for the chamber since 1989, Mrs James has been involved in all aspects of the chamber's activities and has been at the forefront of many of its developments and achievements over this period.

"Her enthusiasm and experience will ensure that it continues to grow and develop for the benefit of the membership. I have no doubt it will continue to move forward under her capable guidance."

Mrs James said: "I am, of course, thrilled and proud to take on the chief executive role and will continue to work for its benefit, as well as for the members and the business community as a whole.

"Naturally, I hope to inject into the position my own philosophies, and there are likely to be some changes because of that.

"I see my role very much as a guide, helping the board and the staff to find the best way to develop the chamber to the benefit of the members and the community."

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Win keeps Bettesshanger in hunt for the title

BETTESHANGER Colliery Welfare stayed in the Feeder League East 1A title hunt with a five-wicket victory against Wye.

Wye's openers put on 100 for the first wicket but Michael McNicholas took 4-29 as they were all out for 197.

Clive Towe (83) and Chris Garton (57) led the Bettesshanger reply and they surpassed Wye's total in the 49th over.

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Gills boss Mark Stimson talks about the club's busy pre-season schedule

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT PREMIER LEAGUE

Sandwich Town 1st XI
v Gore Court 1st XI

A CENTURY from Leon Johnson helped struggling Sandwich Town upset the form book by beating title hopefuls Gore Court by 34 runs.

The visitors won the toss and their decision to bowl looked a good one as Sandwich were reduced to 74-5.

Johnson rebuilt the innings and put on 97 with Robert Goatham before he was run out.

Chasing 249 for victory, Chris Piesley put Gore Court on course for victory with 85. But the visitors suffered an alarming collapse, losing their last six wickets for just 29 runs.

Victory lifted Sandwich to within two points of safety.

Sandwich

	Runs
Michael Beaumont	ct Marsh b Hussain 5
Sam Northeast	lbw b Hussain 16
Kevin Beaumont	ct Marsh b Edwards 0
Leon Johnson	run out 117
David Draper	b Collins 17
Craig Snell	b Collins 0
David Scarf	b Piesley 20
Robert Goatham	not out 53
Gavin Lawrence	lbw b Cooper 4
Craig Spanton	st Marsh b Cooper 0
Liam Evans	lbw b A Edwards 0
Extras (1b 9lb 4w 2nb) 16	
Total (all out, 54.3 overs)	248

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Adeel Hussain	11	0	64	2
Philip Edwards	13	5	48	1
Adam Collins	5	0	26	2
Chris Piesley	12	1	38	1
Alex Edwards	11.3	0	55	1
Richard Cooper	2	0	7	2

Gore Court

	Runs
Steve Marsh	ct Spanton b Evans 17
Chris Piesley	ct Northeast b Johnson 85
Richard Cooper	b Spanton 18
Kevin Jones	lbw b Goatham 43
Neville Talbot	ct Spanton b Johnson 12
Christian Marsh	ct Lawrence b Spanton 13
Philip Edwards	ct Lawrence b Spanton 0
Martin McCague	b Goatham 0
Adeel Hussain	ct Lawrence b Spanton 0
Adam Collins	not out 8
Alex Edwards	lbw b Goatham 10
Extras (4lb 4w) 8	
Total (all out, 53.1 overs)	214

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Craig Spanton	0	2	46	4
Liam Evans	6	0	35	1
Sam Northeast	7	0	40	0
Leon Johnson	12	0	53	2
Robert Goatham	131	1	36	3

Stunning century puts Folkestone back in the game

A MAGNIFICENT unbeaten century from Himanshu Waingarkar steered Folkestone away from defeat in a match dominated by Whitstable.

Coming to the crease with the team wobbling on 68-4, the batsmen struck 121 not out to see the visitors through to the end of the innings to claim a draw.

The home side won the toss and immediately set about racking up a big score. Openers Stuart Sinclair and Max Campbell scored at more than a run a ball and put on 152 for the first wicket.

Campbell was particularly impressive, hitting two sixes and 15 fours in his knock of 92, which came from only 79 balls.

CRICKET

■ BY DAVID PRITCHARD

The scoring continued apace after Denly's arrival at the crease, as he hit six sixes to push the score past 300. Once his century was reached, Whitstable declared to give themselves a greater chance of bowling Folkestone out.

Luke Samarasinghe departed for a duck at the start of Folkestone's reply and with three more batsmen falling cheaply, the visitors were heading for a big defeat.

But Waingarkar's knock changed the balance of the game and with support from Lawrence Ward and Andy Bray, Folkestone hung on to avoid defeat.



STUBBORN: Folkestone's batsmen dug in to avoid defeat against Whitstable

Kent League Division One

Whitstable 1st XI v Folkestone 1st XI

Whitstable

	Runs
Max Campbell lbw b Waingarkar	92
Stuart Sinclair run out	56
Sam Denly not out	100
Daren Bovis ct Day b Waingarkar	15
Tim Wilson b Miles	10
James Leader b One	11
Luke Jackson not out	0
Michael Seager did not bat	0
Simon Chittim did not bat	0
James Mills did not bat	0
Duncan Hardy did not bat	0

Extras (14lb 8w 3nb) 29	Runs
Total (5 wickets dec, 49 overs)	313

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
James Mills	73	3	30	2
Simon Chittim	6	1	15	0
Daren Bovis	10	2	36	2
Duncan Hardy	15	1	66	1
James Leader	3	0	12	0
Stuart Sinclair	9.3	1	50	1

Extras (8lb 2w 1nb) 11	Runs
Total (6 wickets, 51 overs)	217

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
James Mills	73	3	30	2
Simon Chittim	6	1	15	0
Daren Bovis	10	2	36	2
Duncan Hardy	15	1	66	1
James Leader	3	0	12	0
Stuart Sinclair	9.3	1	50	1

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Sibton Park 1st XI v Bexley 1st XI

SIBTON Park remain deep in the relegation mire after losing to promotion-chasing Bexley by 123 runs.

The visitors opted to bat after winning the toss and proceeded to post a decent total. Adam Ball hit an unbeaten century to help Sibton Park to 263-5, with Andy and Ben Alton sharing four wickets for the hosts.

In reply, Andy Alton hit 67 but their chances of only a second victory this season disappeared when their remaining five batsmen could contribute a mere six runs.

They were all out for 140 to stay in the bottom two, 14 points from safety.

Bexley

	Runs
Babar Khan	ct Alton b Alton 40
Stephen Richards	.b Alton 43
George Wells	.run out (Newman) 0
Adam Ball	.not out 107
Daniel Pratt	.lbw b Alton 53
Nihir Dasandi	.ct Alton b Alton 8
Alex Pinnock	.not out 0
Jason Benn	.did not bat 0
Steven Silver	.did not bat 0
Vince Wells	.did not bat 0
Adam Riley	.did not bat 0

Extras (6lb 4w 2nb) 12	Runs
Total (5 wickets, 50 overs)	263

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Sam Newman	5	0	22	0
Trevor Lewis	9	2	45	0
Ben Alton	9	3	36	2
Christopher Spring	14	2	70	0
Andy Alton	13	1	84	2

Sibton Park

	Runs
Andy Alton	.lbw b Ball 67
Ben Alton	.ct Pratt b Benn 2
Christopher Spring	.b Benn 0
Tom Payne	.ct Dasandi b Benn 0
Jamie Keefer	.ct Wells b Benn 1
Steve Hobbs	.ct Pratt b Silver 3
George Leadbetter	.ct Pratt b Benn 37
Martin Wren	.ct Silver b Riley 9
John Osborne	.ct Wells b Riley 3
Sam Newman	.b Benn 5
Trevor Lewis	.not out 8

Extras (2lb 2w 1nb) 5	Runs
Total (all out, 39.5 overs)	140

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Jason Benn	11.5	2	36	6
Steven Silver	9	2	35	1
George Wells	4	0	14	0
Adam Riley	10	2	38	2
Adam Ball	5	1	17	1

Hythe

	Runs
Jon Smith	.ct Lorimer b Sadiqui 57
Leon Morgan	.ct Harris b Mannall 51
Trevor Squire	.ct Hammersley b Mannall 12
Patrick Owen	.run out 0
Dan Furnival	.not out 18
Ben Dwyer	.not out 9
Sam Butler	.did not bat 0
Christopher Duncombe	.did not bat 0
Joe Sheppard	.did not bat 0
Dan Large	.did not bat 0

Extras (4lb 3w 2nb) 11	Runs
Total (5 wickets, 24.5 overs)	164

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Matt Walker	45	1	32	0
Alex Lorimer	4	0	29	0
Steven Silver	9	2	49	1
George Wells	4	0	14	0
Adam Riley	10	2	38	2
Adam Ball	5	1	17	1

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 1A

Deal Victoria & Barns Close 1st XI
v New Ash Green 1st XI

A GOOD all-round performance saw Deal Victoria & Barns Close move a point clear at the top after a 166-run victory against basement side New Ash Green.

Batting first, Deal Victoria gained the upper hand with an opening partnership of 117 between David Gibb and Matthew Carley.

Robbie Brannan (47) and Stephen Moran (58) combined in the middle order to take the score to 260-5 from their allocation.

The home side's bowling attack made light work of the New Ash Green batting line-up, dismissing them for 94 in the 26th over. Scott McNamara took 4-29.

Deal Victoria & Barns Close

	Runs
David Gibb	.b Mayers 69

Waiting game for Athletic

DOVER Athletic manager Andy Hessianthalier admits he may have wait until the season is under way before he can add a striker to his squad.

The Ryman South champions have been looking for more firepower since Jimmy Dryden left for Folkestone Invicta in May.

Despite a wide search, the club have yet to bring in a replacement. Frannie Collin, Shaun Welford and Lee Browning are the only strikers in the Whites' squad and Hessianthalier is now unsure whether he can sign a forward before the start of the season.

He told Yourshepway: "The problem is everyone is doing their pre-season and the players have clubs now.

"We may have to be patient, I don't know, but once the season gets under way certain players may not get a game - I'm talking about clubs in the Conference or Conference South - they might

FOOTBALL

■ BY DAVID PRITCHARD

become available within the first month of the season."

Former Reading academy player Nathan Bailey is on trial at Crabble and could fit the bill.

He played the second half in Dover's first pre-season friendly last Saturday, a 1-0 win at Faversham Town.

Frannie Collin scored the only goal of the game in the 78th minute.

Hessianthalier said: "It was a decent run out for us. We treated it like a training session and that's how it turned out. Probably the most disappointing thing, for all our good play from back to front, is that we only scored one goal."

Bailey was due to play in Dover's friendly at home to Folkestone Invicta last night. Log on to www.yourshepway.co.uk for the report.



ON TRIAL: Striker Nathan Bailey in action against Faversham Town on Saturday

Clubs pay too much for players, says Town boss

FOOTBALL

HYTHE Town manager Paul Fisk is concerned his side are being priced out of the transfer market by other Kent League clubs with bigger budgets.

The Reachfields outfit enjoyed a successful campaign last season as they challenged for the title and reached the final of Kent League Cup.

But Fisk has yet to make a signing this summer which he believes is partly down to clubs over-inflating the transfer market.

He said: "We are struggling to sign players because there seems to be a lot of money being spent by other clubs in our league."

"We have still got good players so I'm not absolutely desperate. If we are going to strengthen it has got to be someone better than we have got already."

Hythe have a relatively small budget compared to some of their competitors and have relied on picking up players on the eve of the season in the past.

With pre-season fixtures about to start, many players go on trial at bigger clubs hoping to earn a permanent deal. The majority



COSTLY: Hythe Town boss Paul Fisk is struggling to bring in new players

fail and look down the divisions for first-team football, giving clubs like Hythe an opportunity.

Fisk said: "It's not nice when you see everyone else is signing players but we will just get on with it. We have picked up good players before at the start of the season and done well with them and we are confident we can do it again."

Hythe begin their pre-season with a trip to Lydd Town this Saturday.

Impressed Spiller aims to secure Invicta move

FOOTBALL

EXPERIENCED midfielder Lee Spiller has been impressed while spending time on trial with Folkestone Invicta's squad and is hopeful of signing a deal in the next fortnight.

The 29-year-old, whose former clubs include Welling United, Gravesend & Northfleet and Gillingham, has been training with Folkestone since the start of the month.

He was invited by Invicta's assistant manager, Scott Lindsay. The pair played together at Gillingham and Gravesend and Spiller jumped at the chance to link up again.

Along with the rest of the squad, Spiller has been put through his paces by former army physical training instructor Lee Dyson, running in the hills.

Despite the gruelling sessions, Spiller is pleased with his condition and from what he has seen, believes Folkestone have a shot at the Ryman South title next season.

He said: "After missing so much of last season through injury, I'm feeling really good. I wanted to go to a team which has the potential



EXPERIENCED: Lee Spiller could join Folkestone this month

to be successful and win promotion. There have been a lot of players moving in and out at Folkestone but I'm really happy, it's a strong squad."

"I know the level and what is needed so, fingers crossed, maybe something can be sorted out in the next couple of weeks."

Invicta began their pre-season fixtures against rivals Dover Athletic last night. Log on to www.yourshepway.co.uk for a report.

On Saturday they take on Tonbridge Angels at Cheriton Road. Kick-off is at 3pm.



BIG INNINGS: Darren Stevens hit Bears for six

Bear tamer Stevens helps Spittires into Twenty20 finals day

CRICKET

DARREN Stevens inspired Kent to victory over the Warwickshire Bears to help them reach Twenty20 finals day for the second year in succession.

The Spittires could be the first team to claim back-to-back Twenty20 titles after they beat the Bears convincingly by 42 runs at Edgbaston last Thursday.

Stevens helped his side recover from 60-4 to reach 175-6, a total that proved too much for the home team.

The former Leicestershire all-rounder clubbed 69 from 32 balls which included six fours and five sixes and was ably supported at the end by power hitter Azhar Mahmood. The Pakistani all-rounder smashed an unbeaten 25 from 13 balls to help take the game away from the Bears.

In reply, Warwickshire struggled and when Twenty20 specialist Darren Maddy was out with score at 78-5, all hope was lost for the home side.

Arafat took 3-29 while Stevens capped a man-of-the-match display after finishing with figures of 2-29, as Warwickshire ended on 133-8.

Key acknowledged Stevens' innings had turned the game in his side's favour.

He said after the game: "Darren Stevens played a serious innings. I thought 130 would mean we were in the game but 175 was always going to be too many."

Kent will play Essex Eagles in the semi-final at the Rose Bowl on July 26, with Middlesex playing either Durham or Nottinghamshire in the other match.

Although Kent will probably be the favourites, Key is not getting carried away.

He said: "With Twenty20 it depends on who pitches up on the day. We've got two more games to win but we're not in the final yet."

"The good thing is we've still got players to come good who haven't played as well as they can in Twenty20."

If Kent win the semi-final they will automatically be entered in September's Champions League against teams from around the world for a chance to win £2.4 million.

However, the England and Wales Cricket Board are yet to decide on whether teams that field players from the Indian Cricket League – such as Kent's Azhar Mahmood and Justin Kemp – will be allowed to feature.

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